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WASHINGTON, APRIL 15, 1890.

RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS. To-day Mr. R. J. Meigs, clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has entered upon his 90th year. Born in 1801, on the 14th day of April, Mr. Meigs in his long span of life has seen two important foreign wars, one of which witnessed the capture and destruction of the Capital and threatened the integrity of the country. The other resulted in a vast acquisition of territory, now among the most valuable of our possessions. Indeed, he was a healthy, growing child when President Sefferson, by a skillful coup d'état, ac-

Louislana from the great Napoleon. Mr. Melgs was a young man when Lafayette paid his second visit to this country. He saw the rise of that strange religious delusion, Mormonism, which still remains among us, a puzzle to philosophers and a problem statesmen find difficult of solution. He witnessed the rise, from small beginnings, of the agitation against slavery, its progress and final triumple after four years of bloody civil war.

He lived during the Augustan era of American literature and read the productions of Irving, Hawthorne, Cooper, Bryant, Longfellow, Poe and their fellows in the original editions. He was a sturdy youngster when Fulton's "Clermont' first cleaved the waters of the Hudson, and was a young man when the railway was doubted, the telegraph derided and the telephone undreamt of. He lived when illuminating gas was unknown and petroleum undis covered.

He was a middle-aged man when gold was discovered in California and the medern Argonauts set out upon their voyages. He has seen the methods of warfare which prevailed when Washington was captured revolutionized. The flint-lock muzzle loader has given way to the multiple shot Winchester, and the horse-pistol has been replaced by the 44-calibre revolver. The whitewinged clippers of the sea have made way for the swift greyhounds of the Put a girdle about the earth swifter than that evolved from the burning fancy of Shakespeare.

Verily, the world upon which Mr. Meigs looks on the beginning of his ninth decade is a vastly different one from that upon which his babyish eyes opened. It is vastly different from the world in which, as a young man, he made his first essay in active business life. He has seen his own country advance from a weak and obscure position to that of one of the Great Powers of the earth.

And now in the serene evening of a well-spent life, in the full enjoyment of a green old age, with all his faculties bright, surrounded by his children and his children's children, he can look back to that far-off day in the first year of this century, the path lined with the splendid scientific achievements and the moral and material advancements which make the nineteenth the most glorious of all the centuries since the first, and, wondering if indeed he has seen all these things, thank the Creator that his lines are fallen in such a time and in such pleasant places.

In common with all his friends, THE CRITIC wishes the genial nonagenarian many happy returns of the day.

LAST THURSDAY the New York Tribune entered upon its fiftieth year. The paper founded by Horace Greeley is as a newspaper better than ever, and as a political journal it is still a power in the land. Even the appointment of its editor as Minister to France has not weakened its political vigor nor dimmed the brightness of its news columns.

PRETTY SOON THE Democrata will be charging that the Australian system is a Republican Institution. Wherever it is tried the result shows Republican gains .-Emporia Republica

Rata! What about Kansas City?- Eurpo-

And likewise, mice. What's the matter with Rhode Island?

THE DEMOCRATS continue to carry elections out in Montana. The people of that State appear to be taking the advice of Russell Harrison's Journal-to express by their votes their opinion of the contest now pending in the United States Senate.

A MORNING PAPER says that "General Schoneld dined." It is hoped this valuable information is true. It would be too bad if the General commanding the Army of the United States should have to go without his dinner.

IF WE ARE emulating Australia in the way of voting, she is patterning after us in the matter of floods. The city of Brisbane has been under water and raffroad traffic suspended.

MILLET's "Angelus" has been shipped to Montreal to avoid the payment of \$30,000 duty. Thus does the tariff promote art in this country.

IT IS SAID THAT Senator Blair's speech on his educational bill contained 273,000 words. And yet he wanted the newspapers to print it!

Over an orrica-notors, always an office seeker .- Columbus Disputch. Evidently that editor has had an affice and lost it.

PERSONAL.

Mr. S. C. Wells, one of the proprietors of the Philadelphia Press, is registered at the Langham. Hon, Samuel Hayes, Columbus, Ohlo W. A. Bryant, New York; Frank Miller, Chicago, are at the Langham to-day.

Major Serna Pinto, the African explerer, has left St. Paul de Loando for

The Duchess of Fife has a reputation

Henry Irving will in the autumn open the private theatre built by Patti at Craig y Nos, Wales. Stage, the famous Yale pitcher, will play baseball this season. He will go into the ministry eventually.

Mrne Patti, it is said, has an insatia-ble appetite for stowed prunes, which she eats for her complexion. Ernest Renan, the French philoso pher, indulges in a hobby of not riding in vehicles of any kind, preferring to walk, although his health is feeble and

a stout cane is necessary to support him. Walt Whitman, the poet, is seriously weather lured him out to a trip along Camden's business streets in his wheel ing chair. A day or two afterward he was prostrated with all the symptoms

of the influenza. Mr. Carroll, an American sportsman has returned to Zanzibar from a three onths' hunt in Masalland. He met with unusual success, 200 head of large game, including many elephants and lions, being killed. The caravan suf-

fered severely from influenza. Sir Edward Guinness has selected several sites in London for the crection of dwellings for the working classes, which are to differ from the famous Peabody houses in that they will be let only to the poorest class of laborers and that the rent will be almost nominal.

The beautiful Duchess of Marlborough wears three gold bracelets from which three gold keys hang in pendant. One opens the lock of her grace's jewel box, quired the vast region then known as the other belongs to her writing folio and the third to a small sachel, brassbound, in which she keeps her loos

Mr. Gladstone has always been more cruputous in his attentions to the humbter classes than to the nobility and Once, when prime minister, he called personally on a tradesman one Sunday morning to deliver a ticket for admission to the House of Commons which had been requested.

Alphonse Daudet, whom Henry James and other critics consider the greatest living author, is still a young He has not yet reached his 50th He went to Paris in 1857, with vear. out money or friends. His success is of his own making. Personally he is a very delightful man, a genial conversationalist, and an agreeable host. family consists of a clever wife, two sons and a daughter. His elder son is 21 years of age, Daudet dedicated his "Sappho" to his two sons, to be read when they reached their majority.

THE PETTY HUMORISTS.

Now soon the solemn umpire will on the diamond gleam,
The butt of curses loud and deep from each opposing team.
But if he holds as vanities the dross of earthly life. The parting won't be hard between the um-pire and his wife. Remember, as the umpire's life goes out

upon a fly,
"It is not all of life to live, or all of death
to die." - St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Miss Fussanfeather-Are you going to Saratoga next summer?

Mrs. Overgaiter No. I think I will stay nome and use ice. It will be quite as expensive, 1 fancy .- Yonkers

Friend-Well, Ethel, how do you like married life? Ethel (enthusiastically)—It's simply delightful. We've heen married a week, and have had eight quarrels, and I got the best of it every time.—

New Boy (proudly)—My pa's a agostic. I heard him say so.

Boy on the Other Side of the Fence (enviously)—My pa is a good deal ag-nosticker than yours, an I'll bet I kin lick you!—Chicago Tribune.

Maude-Why have you thrown Clarence overboard? Madge-I couldn't marry a man with Maude-How did his nose get Madge-I struck him playing tennis!

"I am not fond of the stage, Araminta," said Choilie, "but I hear your father on the stairs and I think I'd better go befor the foot lights.—Racket,

Written for Tuz Cutte. THE ANGEL OF PEACE. RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED TO THE PAY AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Sweet angel from you heaven of peace-Oh And dwell a guest within our heart and

To heal our woel But when the music of his wing is heard, An evil demon in the heart is stirred, That bids him go.

The chanting priest and zealous preach In chapel plain or grand cathedral hall-Oh, angel, stay!

And when, in pity, at each temple gate He knocks, the strife and theologic hate Drive him away. The foremost nations of the earth proclaim

The Prince of Peace their leader-in His They call the world! Alas! the wondering heathen see afar, In Christian lands, the avalanche of war

In thunder hurled. What, if the angel on his track return-What, if the morning star should cease to

burn Before the day? Well might we fear that day itself would

With black dismay. But see! the angel lingers in the air-The star still kindles o'er the black despal Of souls unblest!

Mid all the strife we hear the blessed word Which once in Galilee the weary heard-In Me find rest.

Sure, 'tis the music of the angel's wing, When now the three Americas would sing The choral hymn, As when erstwhile that sall from Britain

And o'er the wave the song was still the Of peace sublime.

All ball the day of which the prophet sung! When war's red firebrand shall afar be And strife shall cease! Then the sweet angel that we grieved

Bright morning star-will herald in that day The Prince of Peace! J. H. COTHEGET, Washington, April 14, 1890.

away-

A STRANGER'S GRAVE, Romance of a Slah in the Onaint Old

In the quaint little neighboring town of Alexandria there is a picturesque and historic spot which is always pointed out by the inhabitants to visitors as a point of more than usual interest. It is a lonely and ancient-looking marble slab over a grave in the most picturesque portion of old St. Paul's graveyard, where the winds sing their sad-dest requiems to the dead through the tree tops and where the shade is height ned by the closely clustering foliage. The slab is supported over the mound

by six stone piliars, like a roof, and bears an inscription in ancient characters that it is "sacred to the men of a female stranger," who was buried there away back near the beginning of the present century. There is nothing on the slab to indicate who she was not whence she came, only the statement that her grief-stricken husband had it crected to her memory and the additional statement that she died in his

From what THE CRITIC could learn of the mysterious case it appears that many years ago, when Alexandria was a thriving commercial city and port, a stranger and his bride arrived one day on an English ship from foreign shores and took quarters at the historic old Braddock House, wherein General Washington had received while a young man his original commission in the British Army from the hands of General Braddock himself. The strangers kept to themselves, and the hotel employes and gossips could not learn from them their names, whence they came or whither they were going. Finally the bride sickened and died, but still her name and that of her hus band was kept a profound secret. After her burial the husband had the stonerected over her grave and one night he quietly disappeared never again to

This set the tongues of the oldfashioned gossips wagging, and several theories of the strange case were advanced by them. One of these was that the bride was the daughter of a nobleman and had eloped with one of her father's servants, or an inferior, and that the secresy was maintained to prevent detection. Another was that the young woman was an heiress and the so-called husband was an assassin hired to get her out of the way of the other heirs; that he accomplished this by means of some subtle poison. At any rate, the mystery is still unsolved, and old Alexandrians point to the stranger's grave, but when they are asked to explain, gravely shake their

AN OLD SEA DOG.

Sergeant Doolan's Remarkable Caree

Around the corper from THE CRITIC office, in the branch of the Sixth Auditor's office, is a man who has had an extended and varied career in Uncle Sam's navy. Sergeant P. Doelau, although only about 54 years of age, has served twenty-nine years, seven months and eleven days in the Marine Corps—considerably more than half of his life.

He first enlisted in 1853 in the city of New York. Sergeant Doolan served on following old-time ships of war in his day: The Savannah on the Brazilian station, the Mississippi on the coast of China in 1857, the Roanoake at the blockade of Charleston in 1861, the transport Connecticut, the Mississippi again when she was blown skyward at the battle of Port Hudson, the Tennes-see with Farragut, where he carried this old sea dog's dispatches at New Orleans; the Brooklyn at the battle of Mobile and Fort Fisher, the Portsmouth, Lancaster, Ticonderoga and Powhattan.

He was master at arms on the U. S. S. Richmond, when she carried Genrai Grant on the Asiatic portion of his tour around the world, and relates some interesting reminiscences of the great General. The latter once ap-proached Doolan and asked him where he served during the war.
"Why. General," was the reply

when you was in the rear of Vicksburg we were shelling the city from

the front."

This remark pleased the General who handed Doolan a good cigar. It was Sergeant Doolan also who placed Arnold and others of the Lincoln conspirators in double irons at the Washington Navy-Yard soon after the assassination, and helped to guard them in the hold of one of the monitors. Surely the sergeant's career with Uncle Sam's floaters was a long and eventful

DECEIVED BY A VILLIAN

The Short But Spley Matrimonial Experience of a Female Clerk, A story with a large-sized moral attached is being quietly discussed in temperance circles in this city, and something of a social explosion is promised in the near future. It was related to a CRITIC reporter by a responsible party, but for obvious reasons the names of the principals are withheld for the present. It is a story of man's de-ception and woman's trusting fidelity. The woman in the case has been for some time past an employe in a Gov-ernment department, in addition to being an active and influential temperance worker. She is pretty and her general appearance is such as would attract almost any man-not a giddy, gauzy butterfly, but what might be called a substantial middle-aged a substantial middle-aged beauty, with a pretty form and suave

A few weeks ago she became ac-mainted with a whiskered knight of manly bearing, who, to all appearances, had money in abundance. The knight made love to the lady and spent his funds in a princely manner. Marriage soon followed their bethrothal and the lady gave up her Government position, at her husband's request, and went with him to spend their honeymoon in New York. It was there the ugly and naked truth was forced upon her

Her so-called husband was one day apprehended by a detective who had been on his track and placed behind the bars, charged with embezzlement. The money he had been spending so freely had been stolen from his employers, and he was in reality a poor man. Following this clap of thunder came another. The gay and festive deceiver was a married man, and his wife and children were living in New York

Upon being convinced of these facts the Washington lady returned to this city and communicated her secret to a few trusted friends, and the latter are now endeavoring to have her reinstated in the Department. She is terribly worried about the affair and says she will never try another matrimonial experi ment in such a hap-hazard fashion. the meantime, considerable whispering is being done in certain cold-water cir-

A Poem With a Moral, From the Chicago Herald. Two merchants dealing side by side, For getting trade the first relied On advertising far and wide.

The white the second trusted To other methods to obtain The golden prize he sought to gain, Upon the first the dollars rain. The other merchant busted

THE SOCIAL WORLD

The date of Miss Margaret Blaine's marriage to Mr. Walter Damrosch has at last been definitely settled for May 17. That time was chosen with especial reference to the movements of Mr. Andrew Carnegle, upon whose ceaching trip through Scotland, it will be remembered, Mr. Damrosch met his fiance several years since. Mr. Carnereference to the movements of gie will leave Washington on Friday, the 18th instant, with the Pan-Ameri-cans on their Southern trip, from which they will not return until May 10. Mr. Carnegie and his wife, after being present at the marriage on the 17th proximo, will sail for Europe May 23, and it is probable that the newly-married pair will accompany them and spend the summer abroad

Vice-President and Mrs. Morton gave a dinner party last evening, at which the following guests were present Speaker and Mrs. Reed, Lord Morpeth Speaker and Mrs. Reed, Lord Morpeth, ex-Minister Robert McLane, General Johnston, ex-Governor and Mrs. Carroll, Collector and Mrs. Erhardt, General and Mrs. McCook, Mr. and Mrs. John Baperoft, Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckerman, Senator and Mrs. Butler, Senator and Mrs. Gray and Senator Allison.

The President will be the guest of honor at the dinner given this evening by the Pan Americans at the Arlington. Senator Morrill celebrated his 80th birthday last evening by a large recep-tion, at which several hundred guests were present, including the President and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Russell Harrison, members of the Cabinet, the Judiciary and the Congress. The parlors were prettily decorated with the nu-merous floral offerings sent by various friends during the course of y. Many handsome presents of and bric a brac were also rethe day. ceived by Senator Morrill, whose birthday was remembered in characteristic fashion by Mrs. Dahlgren and Mr. Horatio King, each of whom sent sonnets commemorative of the occasion. Mrs. Morrill wore a gown of olive green and gold brocade and was assisted in receiving by Miss Swann, in white satin and thread lace. Surgeon-General and Mrs. Moore

have issued invitations for a breakfast at 1:30 Saturday morning. Mrs. Seaton Perry will give a lunch-

eon on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cabell lent their house last evening for a Hahne-mann reception at which they were as-sisted in receiving by Madam Romero, Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Nordhoff, Mrs. Soule, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Butterworth. In the supper room, from which the proceeds went to the Homeopathic Hospital, the table was in charge of Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. McGill, Mrs. Spaneer, Mrs. Blancy and Mrs. Starre, Miss. Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Stearns. Miss Richards dispensed lemonade, assisted by Miss Hillyer, Miss Fassett, Miss Vail, Miss Hill and Miss Lyman.

Among the numerous theatre parties given last evening were those by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the Portuguese, Swiss and Belgian Ministers and Mr. von Mumm of the German Legation. Mrs. Marshal O. Roberts has leased Spencer House, St. James, London, where she will entertain lavishly during the season. Spencer House, for which an enormous rental was paid, was built

for the first Earl of Spencer by Vardy, a pupil of Kent. AMUSEMENTS.

"The Railroad of Love." An audience, immense in proportion and imposing in personnel, assembled at the National last night to greet Mr. Augustin Daly's admirable company of comedians. Brilliant box parties flanked the proscenium opening and the stalls and circles held about all the beauty, birth, brains and bank-ac-counts of Washington. It was the first appearance of the Daly Company here in many years and their welcome was in every sense a royal one. Miss Ada Rehan, Mrs. Gilbert, James Lewis and John Drew were most warmly re ceived on their respective entrees, and at the conclusion of Miss Rehan's very vigorous scene at the end of the third act, in response to repeated calls, Mr. Daly appeared before the curtain and made a most modest and apprecia-tive little speech, in which he was clever enough to say that having se-cured the approval of Washington, his cured the approval of Washington, his troupe had nothing to fear from the critical judgment of London. The play of the evening "The Railroad of Love," is one of Mr. Daly's delightful adoptions from the German, and though not a veritable "Flying Dutchman" in rapidity of action, runs with all the characteristic ease and smoothness of the Daly productions. Miss Rehan had a part very well adapted to her charming personality in the warm-hearted and demonstrative Valentine Osprey; Mrs. Gilbert one of her ever-Mrs. Gilbert one of her ever-memorable character roles as Mrs. Eutycia Laburnum, and Miss Isabel Irving a chance for the display of a most engaging ingenue manner as Viva.
John Drew was, as always, ease, grace
and naturalness, personified in the role
of the dashing lieutenant of cavalry. and James Lewis his old inimitable and irresistible self as the eccentric Mr. Phenix Scuttleby. The entire cast, even to the smallest assignment, was charac-terized by all of the Daly completeness of artistic finish, and the performance from curtsin to curtain was a most en

promises to be the dramatic event of the To-night the "Taming of the Shrew, of the most successful of Mr. Daly's Shakespearean revivals.

joyable prelude to an engagement which

"Nanon" at Albaugh's. Summer opera at Albaugh's has come to be a thing of beauty in Washington, without which the raging of the dogstar would be unendurable and midsummer existence a nuisance. Manager Albaugh, with characteristic enterprise, has evidently secured advance notes from the weather bureau of a warm and early season, and last night presented us with a genuine summer night and genuine summer opera in auspicious conjunction. Nearly all the members of the company he had assembled are old favorites in Washington, from the handsome Carleton, at its head, tuneful little Clara Lane, stately Clara Wisdom, Alice Carle, the fascinating and vivacious, throughout the familiar list of capable singers and diverting comedians. Their performance of comedians. Their performance of the equally familiar and favorite Nanon" last evening was a most favorable augury of the pleasant things we are to expect in the very attractive repertory of operas, old and new, an-nounced for the approaching season. Mr. Carleton's assumption of the part of D'Aubigne is too well known to require further praise than that it pos-sesses all of its former excellence. Miss Marian Langdon, who, on account of the illness of Miss Lane, was called upon to assume the title role at very short notice, acquitted herself most creditably, and is destined to form a grateful acquisition to our list of summer opera favorites. Mr. Murray's musical qualities as a singer have undergone no deterioration, and Mr. Bigelow is likely to be found a most acceptable fun-maker. The chorus, orchestra, costumes and general mis

and music of exceptional merit and en-

"Shadows of a Great City." Harris' Bijon Theatre was well filled ast evening by an enthusiastic audince to witness the performance of the "Shadows of a Great City." This drama, which is under the management of Messrs. C. B. and Thomas Jefferson, is one of the strongest of its kind that has been presented here this season. The scenery, the effects and the excellent cast, all add greatly to the excellent cast, all add greatly to make up the success of the play. The view of the Harlem River, the boathouse and Biackwell's Island were all very natural, and the water effects secured the wildest applause, Mr. John Marshall as Tom Cooper, Mr. Charles Kidder as George Benson, Mr. George B. Edeson as Jim Farren were all excellent. Miss Rose Tiffany in a dual role did most effective work, as did also all the other members of the commany. The "Shadows of a Great company. The "Shadows of a Great City" will continue every night this week, with the usual matinees.

Theatrical Mechanics' Benefit. The men who work "behind the scenes" at the National, Albaugh's and Harris' theatres, and who have formed themselves into an incorporated body known as the Theatrical Mechanics will give a benefit performance at the National Theatre on the afternoon of the 22d instant. The proceeds will be applied to the benefit fund from which members receive \$6 per week when they are sick or disabled. The programme will be an attractive one and will include "The Burglar" Company which will be brought by special train from Baltimore, Wilson Barrett's Com-pany and other artists and novelties.

A feature of the programme will be the change of scenery from an interior to an exterior in full view of the audi-ence. Another feature will be the musical typewriter, which will be per-formed upon by Mr. W. A. Haley, as-sisted by Master John E. Haley, in-cluding the musical inventor, W. E. Wood. Mr. W. T. Carleton of the Carleton Opera Company will sing a solo, assisted by his company. The third act of "The Burglar" will include Mr. A. S. Lipman, Miss Sydney Armstrong, Mr. Sidney Drew, and the child actress, little Amie Steddard, who scored such a success at the Nationa Theatre the early part of this season.

The theatrical mechanics contribute largely to the triumphs of the stage without demonstration or applause, and theatre goers who have been benefited by their efforts in the wings or up in the flies should turn out in force to attend their benefit performance.

The Newsboys' Benefit, This evening at Lincoln Hall 'Hamlet' will be produced for the benefit of the Washington newsboys. The play will be participated in by some of Washington's best amateur talent and bids fair to be an event of inusual interest. This fact and the charitable purpose for which it is given will no doubt result in a crowded house, Mr. George Buckler assumes the role of Hamlet, and he will be ad-

mirably supported by Miss Kathinka Frech, Mr. Fritz Forster, Mr. Davit C Bangs, Eleanore Newton, Mrs. Annie Garrison, A. Velati, B. G. Temple, Alfred Barker, Arthur Scott, H. E. Miller, William McDevitt, W. E. Dawon, Rudolph Forster and A. Sousa. Mr. Frank A. Harrison will assume the stage management, and music will be rendered by a picked orchestra, in-cluding several members of the Marine band, under the direction of Mr. Louis

Stratton. The properties were loaned by the management of Albaugh's Opera House. The outlook is that the hustling ittle newsboys will be given a rousing

The Henry Burlesque Company. The audience that greeted the famous Henry Burlesque Company at Kernan's Theatre last night was as enthusiastic as it was large. The house was literally packed and the sparkling programme was liberally interspersed with applause. The popular manager of the company, John H. Smith, gave his personal supervision during the evening. The opening piece, "Mrs. Langtree's Reception at the Art Gallery," was a sort of musical melange, with striking tableaux of feminine

beauty and symmetry.

Miss Ada Henry as Mrs. Jersey
Langiree was heartily encored. Frank
J. Dyer, the jig, reel and buck dancer;
William F. Kaye, the character comedian, and Emmerson and Cook, knock about comedians, were all winning cards. The Courtland sisters, vocalists, appeared at their best. Belle Clifton "skipped the light fantastic" with ease and grace, and Sam Dearin, the American traveler, fairly exceeded himself. The concluding act was the New York sensation, "The Seven Temptations," with Miss Ada Henry in the leading role. The company is made up of some of the best vaudeville performers in the country and is well worthy of a visit.

Globe Theatre, The entertainment presented at the Globe Theatre last night was far above the average. The Dissolving Views of Professor Raymond were good and the sparring bouts were artistically performed. The burlesque, "Seven Daughters of Satan," was brimful of good music and funny situations. The same programme again to night, including some good glove contests.

POSSIBILITIES OF HY PNOTISM.

General Sherman Chipper. From the New York Sur General Sherman was told that a car-

any carriage; I'll go right down on the elevated and across the bridge." And be did, ariving at the hall as lively as a cricket, and go-ing home in the same Democratic fashion at 1 o'clock in the morning, still

Referred to Ingersoft. From the Merchant Traveler, en seems all promise very favorably for ing dealing in "futures" cut off the a spring and summer season of mirth preachers from their line of business?

POLITICS AND RELIGION.

Discussion Tabooed by Men-About-Town-One of Them Tells Why.

From the New York Press. There are two things about which the average man about town will not argue. He can be drawn into controversies on everything else pertaining to life, from the material of which a pin is made to the source of volcaule eruptions or the Gulf Stream, but he will not have a disputation about polltics or religion. Yet sometimes your average man about town sparkles with wit and wisdom on both of these tabooed topics without controversial ex-pression. It was in a club up town last night that I heard a well-known

gentleman of this type say:

"Whoever knows me knows that I am a partisan of partisans, and yet I never discuss politics with my friends. I belong to the district committee of my organization; I do my best to wictory for my party; you couldn't give me an office if the commission came on a silver platter. Now, you think it queer that I will not discuss politics. I will tell you why I don't. It breeds bad blood, and, philosophically speak-

bad blood, and, philosophically speaking, I believe the other fellow's politics are as good as mine, and I will not quarrel with him over them.

"I believe the principles advocated by my party are best for the country. He believes the principles advocated by his party are best for the country. I can't convert him. He can't convert me. Then what is the use of getting in a heat because we differ in our helief

that way for religious consolation, know i

"But I wouldn't discuss with a friend whether he should follow me, or allow him to discuss with me whether I was going in the right direction, for the same reason that I will not enter into a controversy about politics. My own judgment about the Catholic Church has come through my appreciation of its dealings with the poor and with women. No man or woman is so hum-ble that the Catholic Church does not put its arms around him or her. No devout Catholic woman ever goes astray; marriage is a sacrament with her, and rather than violate her marriage vows she will die. But no fallen woman fails to find consolation in the same Church if she is penitent. That is true religion to my notion.

UNCLE SAM AND COMPANY.

The Rise of the Greatest Firm the World Has Known. From the New York Ledger.

courses running from its agriculture and mineral centres to the sea; fountains of oil spouting up in its midst, and literally raining riches on large tracts of terri-tory; vast forests of the finest timber in the world; all the varieties of climate necessary for the production of nearly all the products of the earth; immense inland seas affording facilities for a domestic commerce almost equal to that which its far-extended coast line secure to it on two great oceans-these are its

Then look at the firm itself. A people energetic, enterprising, self-reliant, shrewd and brave, living under a government that gives the largest scope to their capabilities. True, there has been trouble in the house at times; but the firm of Uncle Sam & Co., is a young firm and a vigorous one, and the old concerns of Europe are fast accepting the idea of its vitality and indomitability.

UNDERTAKER. WILLIAM LER (Successor to Henry Lee's Sons).

What One Under Its Influence May be

Dr. J. M. Charcot in the April Forum. Let us consider a case. I set a subject to sleep and place him in a somnambulic state. I then say to him: "You know A; he is a contempti-ble fellow and is ever trying to injure you. He must be put out of the way. Here is a dagger. To morrow" -or ten days hence, for the suggestion may extend over a consider able interval—"you will make your way to his home; you will wait till he quits the house and will stab him without any pity. He must die. You are not to re-member at all that I ordered you to kill him, even if you be hypnotized again." The subject takes the suggesion, and promises to kill the one who has become his enemy. At the appointed hour he will be at the place named, and will deal the blow with a steady hand. Whether arrested or not for the deed, he will find it out of his power to reveal the name of the one who put the dagger in his hand. The theme is an attractive one, but can the thing be

riage would call to take him to the Appomattex celebration in Brooklyn the other night. "Carriagey" he said, "I don't want

lively and apparently unwearied. Will the Congressional bill prohibit-

in a heat becaue we differ in our belief as to the best means of attainining what we both desire? Life is too short to

discuss politics, anyhow."
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